

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL JOSE SANCHEZ SOTO,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:21-cr-00022-SLG-MMS

**ORDER RE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY**

A plea agreement was filed in this case at Docket 113. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter was referred to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Matthew M. Scoble by the District Court, with the written and oral consents of Defendant, counsel for Defendant, and counsel for the United States. A proposed change of plea hearing was held before the magistrate judge at which Defendant entered a guilty plea to Count 1 of the Indictment, Drug Conspiracy which is a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B). Defendant also admitted to the Criminal Forfeiture Allegation.

Judge Scoble issued a Final Report and Recommendation at Docket 135, in which he recommended that the District Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment and accept Defendant's admission to the Criminal Forfeiture Allegation. No objections to the Final Report and Recommendation

have been filed.

The matter is now before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The Court has reviewed the Final Report and Recommendation and adopts it. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Court ACCEPTS Defendant's plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment and Defendant is adjudged GUILTY of Count 1. The Court also ACCEPTS Defendant's admission to the Criminal Forfeiture Allegation. An Imposition of Sentence hearing has been scheduled for **April 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** before District Judge Sharon L. Gleason in Anchorage Courtroom 2.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2023, at Anchorage, Alaska.

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE